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Invention: Method of Manufacturing a Ski	)
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Group Art Unit: 1732	)
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To: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT

**Commissioner of Patents** 

P.O. Box 1450

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## APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 13, 2003

Dear Sir:

## A. PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

- This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total of two (2) Months to file an Amendment and Response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 13, 2003.
   The granting of this extension will extend the response time until January 13, 2004.
- 2. Applicant is a small entity that has already been asserted by the Applicant.
- 3. Calculation of the extension fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)):

<b>Extension Time</b>	Fee (Large Entity)	Fee (Small Entity)
[X] Two Months	\$420.00	\$210.00

4. A check in the appropriate amount has been included with this response. Please charge any insufficiency of fee, or credit any excess, to **Deposit Account No. 501248**.

## B. <u>AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION</u>

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 13, 2003, please amend the application as follows: